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SUB: KOREAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS BELGIUM

1. REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG- PIL VISITED BELGIUM FOR THREE DAYS MAY 21-24, DURING WHICH TIME HE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER LEBURTON AND TWICE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE, AS WELL AS WITH OTHER GOB OFFICIALS. NO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED.

2. FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR FE AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF THAT IMPRESSION LEFT BY VISIT WAS THAT ROK POLICY CLEARLY BASED ON ASSUMPTION OF CONTINUED US PRESENCE IN AND HELP FOR ROK AND OTHER NON-
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COMMUNIST ASIAN COUNTRIES BUT THAT KOREANS FELT THEIR INTERESTS, IF NOT PRUDENCE, BEST SERVED BY CLOSER CONTACTS WITH COUNTRIES OTHER THAN US AND JAPAN. THIS WAS ONE REASON FOR FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO EUROPE; OTHER WAS TO DISCUSS ROK PROBLMES IN WAKE OF NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION TO WHO WITH CONTINUING NORTH KOREAN MANEUVERS TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL OR SEMI- OFFICIAL RECOGNITION FROM WEST EUROPEAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. ACCORDING TO FONOFF OFFICIAL, BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TOLD ROK PRIME MINISTER THAT IF BELGIUM CAME UNDER PRESSURE TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING EAST EUROPEANS AS EXPECTED, GOB POSITION WOULD BE NOT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA UNTIL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ROK. GOB WILL PRESS FOR SIMILAR POLICY BY ALL EC COUNTRIES.

4. DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL MATTERS FOCUSED ON TRADE AND, ESPECIALLY, MEANS OF ATTRACTING BELGIAN INVESTMENTS TO ROK. BELGIAN INVESTMENTS IN ROK HAVE LAGGED IN ABSENCE OF GUARANTEES CONCERNING REPATRIATION OF PROFITS, BUT DRAFT AGREEMENT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT SEOUL AND BELGIANS EXPECT FINAL AGREEMENT SHORTLY.

5. FONOFF UNDERSTANDS THAT ROK FOREIGN MINISTER WILL VISIT WASHINGTON ON WAY HOME FOLLOWING VISITS AT ROME AND PARIS. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF RESULTS OF TALKS IN WASHINGTON WERE CONVEYED TO GOB HERE SINCE KEY ELEMENT IN DEALING WITH NORTH KOREAN MANEUVERING WAS POSITION AND ACTIONS OF USG.

6. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE COULD CONVEY TO FONOFF.
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